



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2863  
Docket No.: 835.1026

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shizuo Sumida, et al.

Serial No. 10/018,754

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on January 27, 2004. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee is submitted herewith, thereby extending the due date to March 27, 2004. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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